



## Head Tennis Coach retires in height of career

John Peterson has decided to retire this year, ending his outstanding coaching career in the Tennis Program at Tyler Junior College.

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## Construction update!

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TJC has recently undergone changes to improve the overall appearance and of its college campus. For updates



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## 85th Anniversary

Honoring our promises that will last forever

By Taylor Griffin  
Verve Editor

The year is 1926—the midst of the Roaring Twenties, the decade “The Great Gatsby” defined, and America is just on the cusp of the stock market crash. A little closer to home, this year is also the birth of Tyler Junior College.

After 85 years of continuing excellence in education, TJC proudly announced this incredible anniversary will be marked this academic year and the beginning of what hopes to be its best year yet with special events throughout the year to celebrate.

The continual celebration is aptly themed “Celebrating Our Past, Building Our Future.”

Considering its meager beginnings, TJC has grown into one of the largest community colleges in the nation. Originally a part of the Tyler Public School System until 1945, TJC offered basic classes in liberal arts and practical courses in its early years.

With a small student body of not much more than a hundred in the beginning, the college has grown to a staggering 15,000 credit students each year with an extra 20,000 continuing education students annually. TJC now has over 50 areas of study in fields of health,

nursing, business, and technology.

With the countless choices and opportunities offered, the school has managed to fulfill its three promises: a quality education, a vibrant student life, and community service.

This long-time-coming accomplishment is definitely something TJC can boast about, and the school plans to host several events throughout the year to show it. Among them are the search for the Dr. Harry Jenkins statue that was stolen in 1995, an 85th anniversary themed Homecoming, and the Tour for the Cure, which is described as a fitness and fundraising event at the college.

To further promote its 85th anniversary and overall fitness in the community, TJC will host Tour for the Cure on Oct. 22. As a contributor to the City of Tyler's Fit City Challenge Coalition, the event will focus on fundraising and fitness in Tyler.

People of all ages are welcome to join in this effort to aid the TJC's thriving School of Nursing and Health Sciences, as well as Tyler's continued involvement with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

The day proves to be one of fun and activity beginning at 8:30.

The hunt for Harry

A long lost piece of history missing for years with no leads as to its whereabouts finally surfacing after countless weeks of searching and tracking—sounds like a typical plot line for a movie, right? Surprisingly, this idea of a blockbuster is actually forming at Tyler Junior College in real life.

Local authorities have recently teamed up with the TJC Criminal Justice Department in hot pursuit of recovering the stolen statue of former TJC President Dr. Harry Jenkins.

Since its shocking disappearance on April 18, 1995, the bronze statue's whereabouts have been unknown. The cold case has been resurrected in honor of the school's 85th anniversary.

At a press conference held on the TJC campus on Aug. 16, school president Dr. Mike Metke along with the Smith County Sheriff's Department and Crimestoppers publically announced the search as a fun project and educational pursuit with a \$5,000 reward.

While it was most likely meant to be a prank, no evidence of the statue, costing a hefty \$30,000, has been discovered. Metke noted that the statue, weighing approximately 300 lbs.

## Rate my professor

By Daisy Valle  
Editor-In-Chief

how students get in the know...

Ratemyprofessor.com can be a useful tool for incoming freshman. It is a way to find out what teachers are like, classes are like and class load given, it is nothing but opinions from alumni and current students.

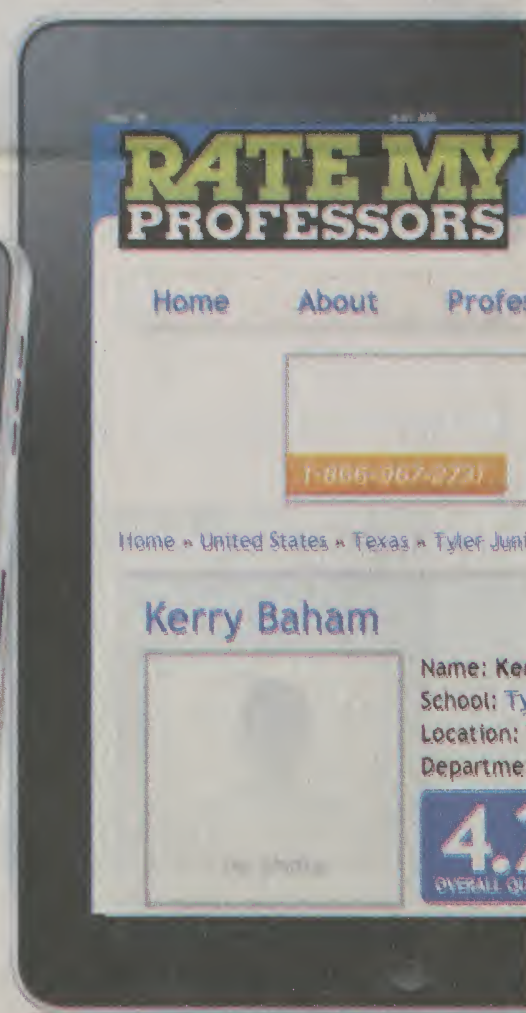
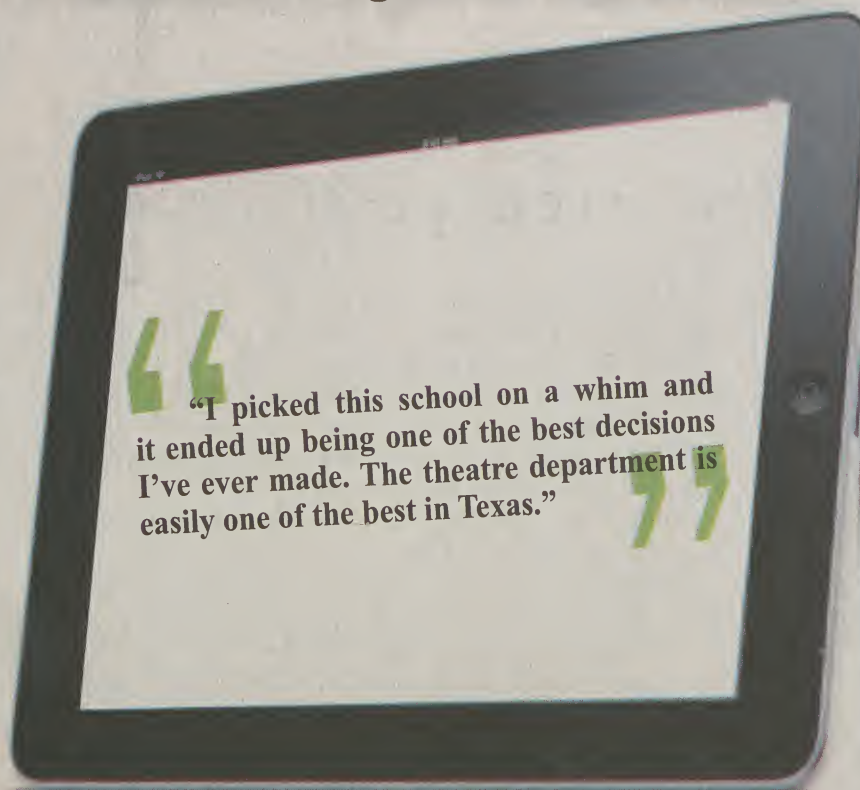
Teachers are rated on three different categories including willingness to help, clarity easiness and, for some added fun, hotness. Rates start out as low as 1.0, highest rating a 5.0. But ratemyprofessor.com also rates colleges and college professors from all over the U.S.

Tyler Junior College as a school received an overall 3.0 rating from 18 total submissions. Campus and events came in as a 2.6 rating and school reputation at 3.1. Students are also given the freedom to comment on the school and the posts are kept anonymous.

These comments can also range from negative to positive.

“Trying to get anything done with this school is like pulling teeth (I've been to other schools,

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## Campus safety's new alternative in security

By Lauren Wood  
Managing Editor

A year ago, Campus Safety put on emphasis on new way to increase safety on campus to increase safety on campus. This year they have invested in new electric non-polluting scooters that they will use in addition to their four patrol bicycles.

“They reduce response time so we can get to the call for service quicker,” said Tom Johnson, executive director of Security and Public Service Careers. “We can be anywhere on campus within three minutes.”

Inside the Rogers Student Center a new “TJC Campus Safety Substation” will take the place of the old

**“Many different improvements have been made over the summer to improve safety such as increased lighting and replacing old bulbs with new higher power bulbs as well as new flashing crosswalks on campus.”**

Java Cup. This substation will provide many of the same

services as the main Campus Safety building such as providing ID/lanyards and parking stickers..

“It would be helpful because it was all the way across the street to the building instead of now having it right here where it's easier access,” said Tara Batey, freshman.

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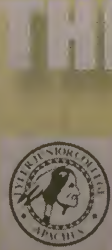
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column

## Starting Over Again



**By Daisy Valle**  
Editor-in-Chief

Growing up I never saw the limitations the world had set up for me. I carried myself with pride and let my dreams take me home where I was safe to wander the vast possibilities. I felt anything was well within my reach.

I was only nine years old when I told my mom I would be in college. Looking back now I'm not sure she understood how relentlessly determined I was to break free of the lifestyle I was forced to grow up in.

My whole life I've watched my parents work in labor, never knowing what

more they would have been capable of if they would have been given the opportunity to go to school like I did.

I refused to be taken lightly. But like most people, life got in the way.

When I turned 15, I had already dropped my dream of being a veterinarian, too scared to possibly kill an innocent little critter that came in for a routine deworming shot. By 17, I had completely alienated myself from former friends and any future ones due to an extremely bad dating choice. By that time, I was so ready to get out of high school that I graduated early in 2008 and was at Tyler Junior College three months later.

I wanted to prove my independence to myself so badly that I unintentionally placed myself in a terrible situation riddled with financial devastation and broken friendships.

And much to my dismay, I had to tuck my tail between my legs and return home where my parents welcomed me with open arms and a smug grin (oh, how we knew

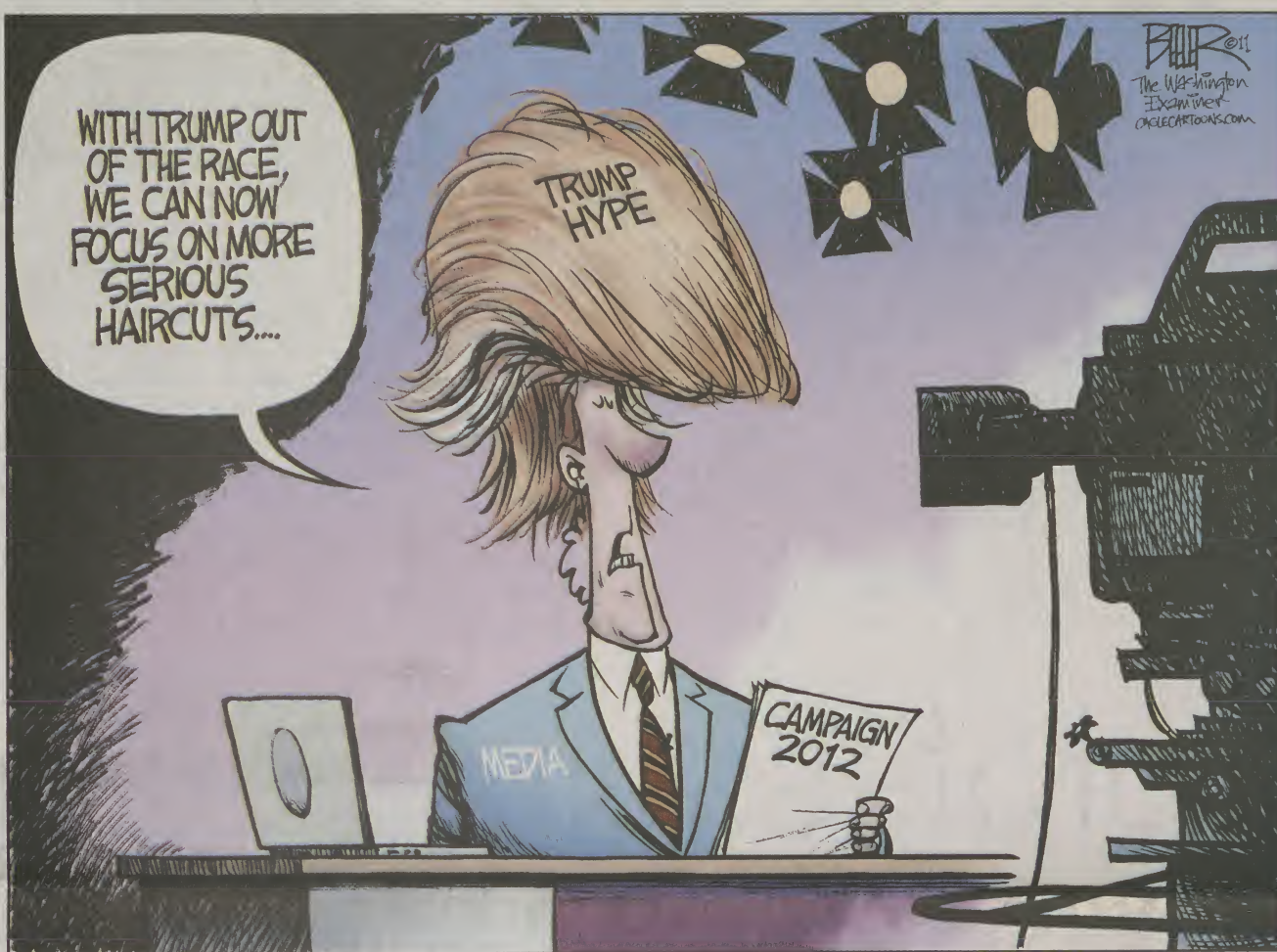
you would never make it on your own).

Finally back to school with those same hopes and aspirations that kept me awake at night. I'm approaching my dreams more realistically this time around.

So for those of you returning to school after some serious growing up or even for those of you who never lost sight of the importance of your determination, let me prove myself. Take my words and run with them so that they may cause a nostalgic experience where you are launched back into your childhood, where the word "impossible" wasn't uttered and the world was an open invitation to take over.

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editorial

## Limitations can minimize your possibilities



**By Lauren Wood**  
Editor-in-Chief

Stepping outside of the box is difficult, especially whenever it's your own small, safe box that you have created around yourself in order to keep everything and everyone out.

People are really experts at doing this, putting on that makeup face every morning so that friends and family will not see your true emotions. Soon enough you cave in and let one emotion shout and it seems as if everything is invading your comfort zone. This feeling I have found is the worst feeling ever, if you ask me.

So speaking of that, this year I have tried several times to step completely out of my box, being honest with others as well

Nobody wants to look back on their life and think 'Why did I not just tell them how I felt? Surely they would have understood.' With that said, the first thing I did was come to the school and talk to Mrs. Krantz face to face about joining her staff. I'm not the best at meeting new people, I was honest with her about everything that I am capable of doing and I showed my true emotions towards her about Journalism.

Then, recently, she offered me an editors position as a freshman, I couldn't believe it. I will admit the job is more than I expected but I am very pleased to have this job as the Managing Editor. Journalism is something I love, it's a hobby of mine.

Design is more of my strong side rather than writing, I don't have the natural talent for writing, but that's okay. That just means I am able to step out of my small, safe box even more. I encourage everyone to step out of their comfort zone, live your life, have new experiences and be yourself. Take off the fake face, people will love the true you even more.

## COMMENT

GREETINGS TO ALL

August 19, 2011

"Hello everyone, the TJC student newspaper is back for yet another promising and amazing semester. We have undergone a few new changes and gained a great new staff. As always, we are devoted to you, our readers and we would like to know what you think, so do comment on our articles online at [tjcnewspaper.com](http://tjcnewspaper.com). Without you our readers, we couldn't do our job, so stay connected with all things TJC by reading our newspaper every two weeks on Friday. Regardless if this is your first time to attend classes or you've been going here longer than you can remember, *The Apache Pow Wow* is committed to keeping you in the know."

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as myself. Yes, I failed at this many, many times, but I keep trying to stay on that track so that I will live my life to the fullest.

## TJC COMMENTS

We care what you think...

Posted May 18, 2011

Response to: MDA helping those in need...

"MDA community is doing so much for the kids with muscular dystrophy. I think many should come in front to help them to raise funds."

Posted May 11, 2011

Response to: UT-Tyler newspaper adviser fired

The following "statement" was written by a lawyer for administrators who are petrified of the prospects that truth be made public: "Beverley S. Golden Director of Marketing and Communications released a statement regarding the conditions of her dismissal. 'This is about Ms. Curry's performance and conduct inside of the classroom and workplace. It's not about the content of the student newspaper, nor the First Amendment. UT Tyler is strongly committed to the right of the students who participate in the Patriot Talon. This is about what is best for the program and UT-Tyler students.'"

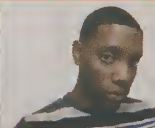
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The administration at UT-T would have you believe that their motives are pure: "of course, it's not about the school newspaper or the 1st amendment." If the administrators and lawyers control, which is probable, you will never know what happened. The decisions made in UT-T's Star Chamber with regard to Ms. Curry will not see the light of day. "Our hands are tied," they will implore you to understand, "by legal requirements of confidentiality."

Prepare for the mushroom treatment: administrators and their lawyers will keep you in the dark and feed you crap.

Quote of the week by...

Joshua Mumphrey | Editor At-Large: words of wisdom



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campus **SCENE**

# In The Works

campus construction improves environment, look and feel



Photos by Daisy Valle

**WORKING TOWARD COMPLETION:** Above: The ongoing construction on TJC campus moves ahead as scheduled with many new additions to the college such as, newly laid grass, paved driveways and sidewalks and new facilities / structures.

By Daisy Valle  
Editor-In-Chief

When first walking into the newly renovated TJC planetarium a stream of colors pops off the window and a strange metal object sitting on a display table. It is an actual picture taken by the Hubble space telescope that is orbiting the earth.

Since January 2010, infrastructure projects totaling \$26.5 million have been completed including more than five miles of underground piping, HVAC capacity upgrades in the Wise Auditorium, HVAC replacement in Potter Hall, Jenkins Hall and Vaughn Library; roof replacements in the library and Ornelas Health and Physical Center; HVAC upgrades at the West Campus and the central plant. Upgrades also include the Wagstaff Gym educational facilities renovation.

While visiting the newly renovated planetarium, standing there in the Great Ball of Fire exhibit, Tom Hooten, professor of Physics/Director Hudnall Planetarium said visitors are standing in the same building that was built in 1963.

Several interactive exhibits are in the planetarium. Among the

many there are "Hit or Miss" where there are interactive games to play including "Drop an Asteroid on your Town." Where entering your zip code allows the radius of destruction that can occur, "We really want to increase science literacy," said Hooten.

The construction team has added more than \$1.8 million in preservation projects and more than \$350,000 has been spent in parking lot improvements.

The new planetarium is 40 ft in diameter, stadium style seating, as well as digital surround sound.

"The primary reason we started renovating the planetarium was to further science education by having a strong bond with our local TISD. Globally our test scores in math and science are lower. Secondary, we wanted the planetarium to be a multi purpose planetarium. It could be used for fundraisers and an astrology lab class. Starting September we'll even have Friday night rock shows," said King.



— see CONSTRUCTION page 7 —

## Student/Employee Lanyard Policy:

1. Lanyards must be worn around the neck while on campus, and the ID card must be clearly visible at all times, unless it should be removed for safety reasons or an approved ADA variance.
2. Any lanyard is acceptable, but it must be similar in design and worn in the same manner as the official college lanyard. The color of the lanyard is not critical.
3. No one will be allowed into class without wearing his or her ID/lanyard.
4. Students who do not have their ID/lanyards may pick up a Day Pass at Campus Safety. Employees may obtain a Day Lanyard from their respective Dean's or Director's office.
5. If a Day Pass is needed more than once per semester, students should go first to the Cashier's Office in WASC to pay \$2.50, then take the receipt to Campus Safety to pick up the Day Pass.



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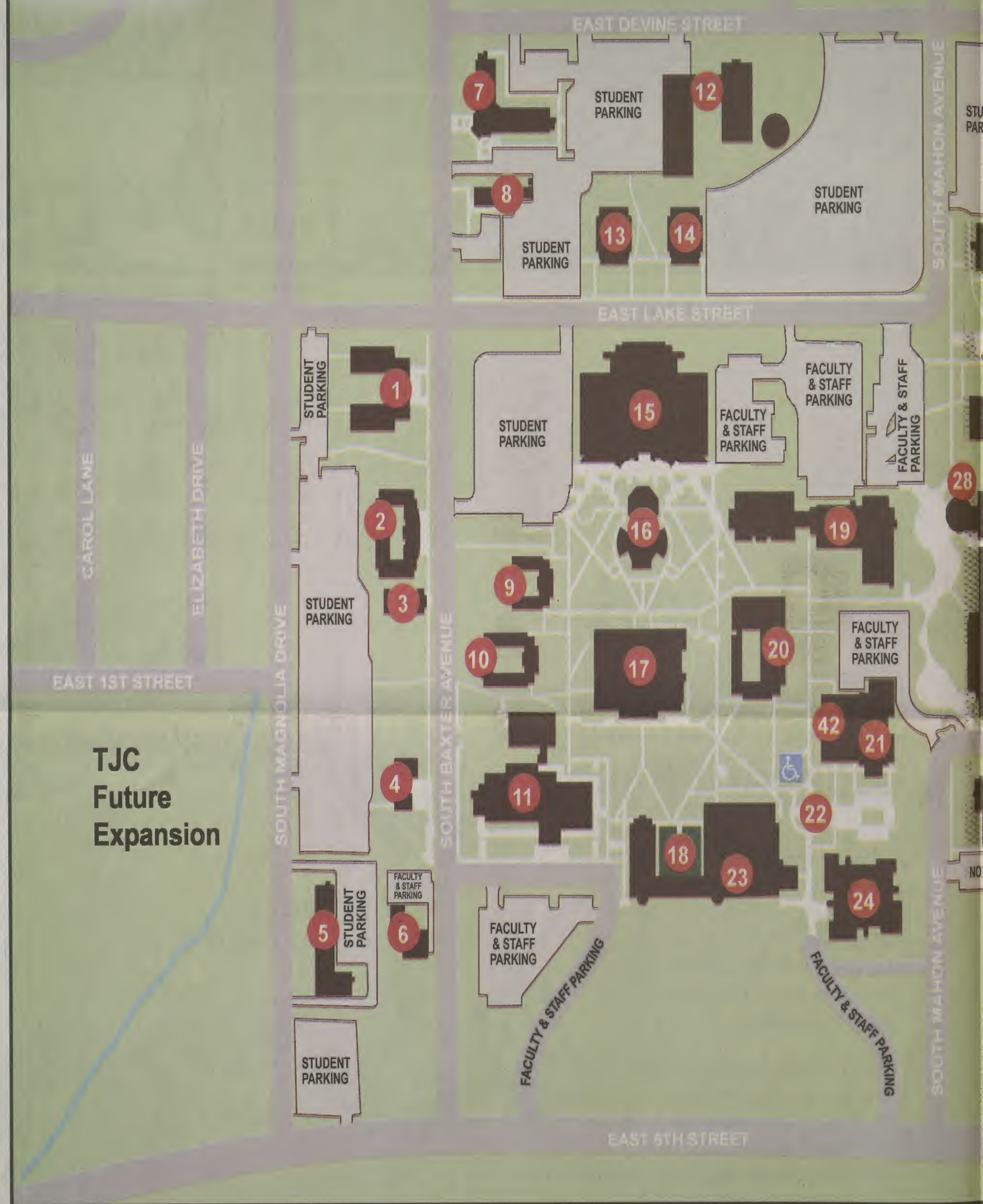




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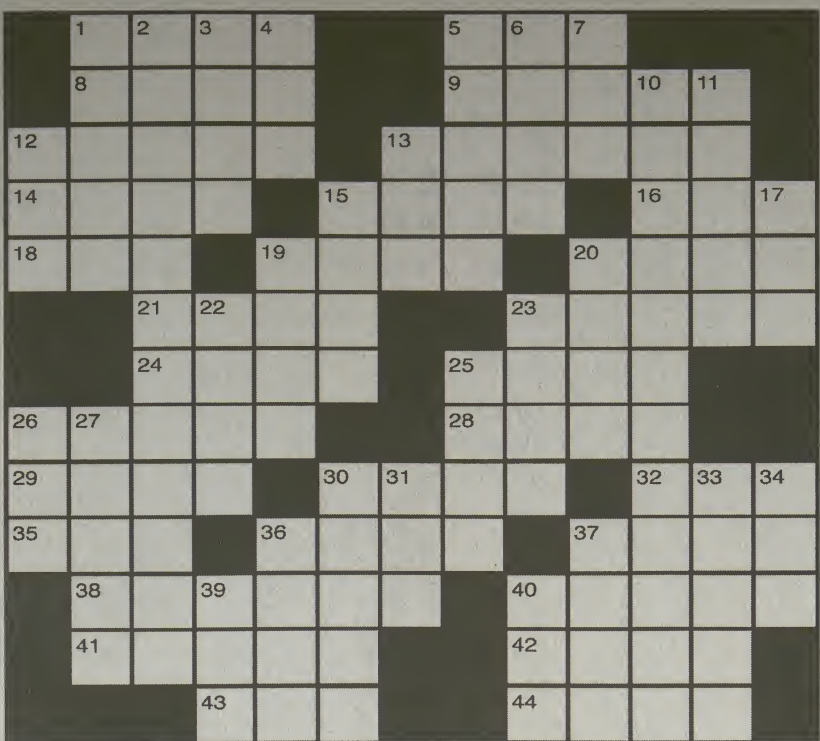
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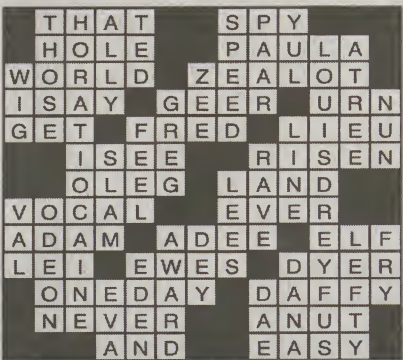
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## CAMPUS SAFETY

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"It will illuminate the campus better in the night," said Johnson. "So that it allows the video cameras to get better images and it makes it easier for the Campus Safety people to see the view of the terrain."

Additionally, there will be four TJC Ambassadors who will provide directions, answer questions, and check ID/lanyards. A total of 20 police officers and guards will provide patrols 24/7 along with a person who monitors and records the 260 surveillance cameras placed all around campus.

The changes seen to be having the desired affect.

"Just to know that they are on top of everything and are trying to prevent crime from happening," said Jeanette White, Professor of Medical Office Management.

To help students feel even safer than before, Campus safety recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tyler Police Department, which will allow TPD officers to patrol on campus and assist on matters of law enforcement in both uniform and plain-clothes along with providing drug dogs that will be on campus/dorms/parking lots at random times.

"People are less likely to bring drugs to campus with drug dogs coming at day or evening or night," said Johnson. "The only person that will know exactly when the drug dogs will be taking place is the Chief of Police Randy

Melton. Having the Tyler Police Department with us is called a 'Force Multiplier' because it adds additional law enforcement personnel on the campus grounds."

According to Johnson, the most important aspect of the crime prevention initiatives is the wearing of the ID Lanyards by students, staff, and faculty.

**"The Campus Safety Department will continue to work to make TJC's campus a much safer place. "Our vision is to make TJC campus one of the safest colleges in America," said Johnson. For additional information regarding contacting campus safety call these numbers Emergency" - (903) 510-2222 Non Emergency - (903) 510-2258**

"The Lanyard/ID Policy has led to the dramatic lowering of crime and the increase of safety," said Johnson. "We are able to identify people who should not be on campus and discourage their attempts to do criminal acts on campus."

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Out of Peterson's 24 seasons, he has helped change a lot of students' lives, getting them on the right career track and into the right schools. He is known as a mentor and friend, who knows when to lend a hand, according to Brooke Dennis, a former tennis Championship player at TJC.

"Coach Peterson has inspired me in so many positive ways on and off the court," Dennis said. "He's one of the most amazing men I ever met and I feel that I'm extremely lucky to have played under his direction. I just feel so sad that he won't be there for others to experience what I did. He makes you feel blessed and that you can do anything."

Peterson is thankful to TJC for taking a chance on him and allowing him to have such a successful and fulfilling career. He explained that he is grateful to have what many don't and that working for the college was one of the best decisions he made for himself and for his family.

"This has been a great experience and it's something I'll never forget," Peterson said. "However, I do intend on coming back and helping out with the tennis program some day, but for now, I'm just taking each day at a time. It's the only way I know how to live."

## CONSTRUCTION

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Two projects still set to complete are Resident life and Housing Renovation in January 2012 and the Potter Hall elevator in March 2012.

The Residential Life office will temporarily be located in the Ornelas Residential complex during construction.

"Before if we wanted to meet with our student's parents we would have had to meet in the lobby. Now we'll actually have a meeting area as well as increase our customer service levels," said Bill King Executive Director - Facilities and Construction.

A new elevator will increase accessibility to Potter Hall.

"We found architects that would meet Texas Accessibility Standards, which are a lot tougher to meet than ADA standards" said King.

## PROFESSOR

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and it's much better). Dress code, senile teachers, and they're actively removing places to socialize. Isn't college about meeting life long friends between classes? I went, I got my degree, and I regret ever having going." This anonymous user rated the campus on nine different categories where he/she gave the reputation of the school a 1, opportunities a 1, campus a 1, food a 1, social activities a 1, location a 3, library 2, internet speed a 3 and clubs and events a 1.

Another comment added a few days later in August 2010 read, "I picked this school on a whim and it ended up being one of the best decisions I've ever made. The theatre department is easily one of the best in Texas." This anonymous user rated the campus based on the same nine categories where he/she gave the reputation of the school a 3, opportunities 2, campus 5, food 2, social actives 5, location 3, library 3, internet speed 2, and clubs and events a 5.

## HUNT

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sibly have been lifted by just one person.

"We just want to get Harry back," Metke jokingly said after clearly explaining that no prosecution will be performed. "It's just a whodunit case."

To celebrate and promote the hunt, TJC staff and faculty, and members of local authorities sported shirts that read, "The thing about Harry is...he's missing."

Not only will authorities be on the look-out but TJC criminal justice students as well. These individuals, hand-selected based on election, expressed their excitement and eagerness to find the missing piece of TJC history.

"It will be good for the program," said student Ben Bortz. When asked what he would do with the reward, he laughingly noted that he would pay of some bills and pay for books. Joining Bortz in the student pursuit are Diana Biggs and Christy Melton.

"We're ready to go," said Sheriff J.B. Smith, who also expressed great enthusiasm to get out and find the statue, which was originally located in front of Wise Auditorium just west of the flying geese pool.

Smith also noted at the press conference that the Smith County Sheriff's offices, CSI, and cold case teams are joining this pursuit as well.


After it was stolen, no official record was taken of the statue's theft. However, theories about where it is have surfaced over the years.

"There have been more sightings of Jenkins than of Elvis," said Metke, noting places like a fraternity house in Austin and the bottom of Lake Tyler, to which he says the SCUBA team is ready.

Sheriff Smith also said that the first step in finding Dr. Jenkins is getting the word out, asking questions, and receiving tips from the public. He went on to say that the Tyler Crimestoppers hotline is open to anonymous tips as well.

Once found, the statue will find a permanent home inside somewhere on the TJC grounds, most likely in Jenkins Hall.

Solving the case now is all in the name of fun and hands-on education to restore a lost piece of history to Tyler Junior College.



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Former Head Tennis Coach John Peterson

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Peterson's teams have won a combined 25 national championships in his 24 years. He was named the Texas High School Tennis Coach of the Year in 1979 and 1983. He is a member of the NJCAA Men's Tennis Hall of Fame, the NJCAA Women's Tennis Hall of Fame, and is a 2007 inductee of the Texas Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame. He was also named the Junior College National Coach of the Decade.



New Head Tennis Coach John-Paul Connell

Connell won the coveted ITA/Arthur Ashe Award for Leadership and Sportsmanship for Junior College Players. He also won the Art Foust Sportsmanship Award at the Texas Boys' Super 18 Championships and was the UIL 5A Doubles State Champion.

See full list at [tjcnewspaper.com](http://tjcnewspaper.com).

# Athletics undergo changes over summer

## Head Tennis Coach retires with memorable year

By Joshua Mumphrey  
Editor At-Large

"I have been blessed, but I believe it's time for me to finally move on," said Coach John Peterson in a nearly empty office in the JoAnn Medlock Murphy Tennis Center at Tyler Junior College on Friday.

Not only will he leave behind a legacy, but memories that will never fade from the minds and hearts of the people who knew him, explained Sun Wen, a former student and tennis champion in 2010.

"He helped me when I needed it most," Wen said. I moved from China and he offered me a place to stay at his home until I was able to be placed in a dorm. He's truly a wonderful and caring person as he is a great coach."

Although Peterson feels it's time for him to retire, he still doesn't know how he will manage without his students and team. They were part of his life just as much as he was theirs.

"It will be a big adjustment for me to be perfectly honest," Peterson said. "Not having that constant interaction with the team and them no longer depending on me for anything anymore... It's going to be tough, but I believe it's better to move on now than later. I just don't like to be so-so at anything, and I believe I'm not as good of a coach as I was a few years ago. I didn't want anyone to tell me it was time to go. I wanted to call my own shots at the height of my career."

In Peterson's absence, John-Paul Connell, currently the Assistant Tennis Coach will take on the task of Head Coach for the Apache men's and women's tennis teams. Connell has a solid background in tennis and he has also worked closely with Peterson and the teammates the past couple of years.

"Dash [Connell] has grown up in a great tennis environment with a great high school coach, playing a Texas A&M, here at TJC along with

several major honors. I don't believe I would be passing him the torch, because he's carrying his own," Peterson said. "Of course his torch will be different, but he will be great and I know he will improve even more."

Connell is ready to step into his role as Head Tennis Coach but he explained how much of an impression Peterson has left on him since they first started working together.

"For starters, Coach Peterson is such a well grounded individual for the amount of success he has had," Connell said. "He also understands what it takes to be successful and the true meaning of what success is, which is ultimately some of the best

**"The great thing about Coach Peterson is, he understands that in the long run the championships are not what's always important,"**

knowledge I've gained from him." According to Connell, Peterson's success isn't just on the court, but in everyday life and in the type of person he is to the people he surrounds himself with.

"The great thing about Coach Peterson is, he understands that in the long run the championships are not what's always important," Connell said. "He's focused on the big picture, which is ultimately helping the team and his students reach their potential."

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## TJC Cheer budget cuts leave teammates without support

By Lauren Wood  
Managing Editor

The timeline is to get the program reinstated for Fall 2012.

"We want to ensure that we leave no stone unturned moving forward," said Nguyen. "We want to find the right coach, that will be

Play - ers tackling. Band playing. Belles dancing. Fans shouting for the lack thereof cheering.

Ending the Spring 2011 semester, a final decision was made to no longer having cheerleaders.

"It was a division decision to move in this direction," said Vincent Nguyen, Director of Student Life and Involvement. "It was important to consider the current status of the college and of the State of Texas. It was probably one of the most difficult decision that I've ever been a part of."

For the students who tried out for the team and made it, their scholarships will be honored. The only catch was not being able to cheer as planned.

"Due to the cut of the program, we've decided to extend an olive branch to the ones that tried out and made the team," said Nguyen. "We were delighted to honor each one of those members that tried out to retain the scholarship."

Being without the cheerleaders, the football coaches are unsure of how their players will react.

"Ooh that's tough," said Ryan Mahon, Associate Head Football Coach. "Each individual player getting in their psyche, I think each kid gets psyched up for a game definitely. Like I said, it's always nice to have cheerleaders out there and their support, in general, is a good thing to have."

right fit, and that will provide strong Leadership in putting the TJC Cheerleaders back in National contention, as well as being a strong staple in the East Texas Community. We want to assure our college community that this is temporary, very temporary, but we want to make sure we do it right."

While looking for the right coach, over 60 students expressed interest in creating a new spirit organization.

"We've been working diligently with various campus organizations and departments to enhance our game day environment," said Nguyen. "We are in the planning phases and we are excited to show you all the final product at no later than the beginning of conference play during the football season."

Even though the sporting events will be different, we still have many other traditions to make up for the lack of cheerleaders.

"Enthusiasm, traditions, having people out there for you, the Belles, the band that we have which is a great band, and also the cheerleaders," said Mahon. "TJC is a special place with those things."

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AUG. 27 7PM vs. Coffeyville Community College

Men's Soccer

AUG. 27 @ Incarnate Word

Women's Soccer

AUG. 19 7:00PM vs. East Texas Baptist University  
AUG. 21 2:00PM vs. Kingwood Alliance Soccer Club  
AUG. 26 7:00PM @ Johnson County Community College

Men's & Women's Golf

NA  
NA

Women's Volleyball

AUG. 20 @ Brookhaven College  
AUG. 24 @ North Central Texas College  
AUG. 26 vs. TBA  
AUG. 31 vs. TBA

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UPCOMING TJC ATHLETICS OCTOBER 2010

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